



## Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program Application Process

1. Population of community served by the system must be less than 3,000. Census data from 2000 can be used for this purpose.
2. Disadvantaged community status is determined. Criteria is the same as that used for CDBG (51 percent of the population must be at or below 80 percent of the median income). Additional information on determining disadvantaged community status is available at [www.IowaFinanceAuthority.gov](http://www.IowaFinanceAuthority.gov)
3. Community (or its engineer) sends facility plan to DNR outlining project. Included in the plan should be a breakdown of that part of the project (and its related cost) deemed to be required because of the new water quality standards.
4. DNR scores the project using the same scoring method used for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
5. DNR sends letter to community and IFA stating the portion of the project eligible for the Wastewater Financial Assistance Program grants and the project's score.
6. Community applies to IFA for grant monies.